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Bible Thought for Today

July 8.
IN HIM WE LIVE.—That they should seek
the Lord. . . For in him we live, and move,
and have our being.—Acts 17:27, 28.What is the first commandment?—Exodus
20:3.

NEPOTISM AND PROFLIGACY.

The defense of Tulsa city officials against
the charge of nepotism, that they are doing no
worse than other officials before them, than
other officials elsewhere, is well taken so far
as the facts are concerned. The state law for-
bidding the practice of employing relatives in
the public service has been more observed in
the breach than performance. Candor compels
that admission. But whether that constitutes
an adequate defense for the clear violation of
law is debatable. Or is it?The simple truth is that nepotism, paternal-
ism and profligacy are raging throughout the
length and breadth of the public service, city,
state and nation. Those we elect to office for
the purpose of safeguarding our interests, ef-
fecting economy in the government service and
stopping the leaks, have an unwritten law
among themselves it seems, that the public
funds are to be plundered by them with noth-
ing said about it.Congress is a hotbed of profligacy and nepo-
tism. Brave gestures of retrenchment are made
in public, but the close observer knows that
nothing is done to abolish the personal pre-
rogatives of congressmen; that through such a
leak the nation is losing millions of dollars an-
nually.An eastern paper has just concluded a survey
of the congressional pay roll. It points out
that each congressman is allowed \$1,000 per
year in personal patronage aside from his regu-
lar clerk hire, and that many members place
their wives, their sons, daughters or some fa-
vorite relative or friend on the pay roll and that
such official makes no pretense of rendering
service.In this report made there appears the name
of four members of the Oklahoma congressional
delegation who have practiced nepotism in this
manner. They are:Representative T. A. Chandler, republican;
\$1,440. Representative Charles D. Chandler, republican;
\$1,440. Representative S. L. Carter, \$1,440. Rep-
resentative F. B. Swank, wife, Ada Swank,
\$1,440. Representative James V. McClintock,
wife, May McClintock, \$1,440.It is not to be presumed that all members
of congress who have not gone so far as to
place the name of their wife or daughter or
son on the pay roll are entirely guiltless, be-
cause it appears that practically every mem-
ber fully employs his perquisites and manages
to distribute that personal patronage amount-
ing to \$4,000 in other ways. Nor is this all. A
close scrutiny of the congressional record shows
that millions of dollars are appropriated an-
nually for purely personal matters affecting
the various members, from repairing motor
cars to furnishing suites of rooms.It is disclosed in the investigation being
made that a United States senator is carrying a
friend on the senate pay roll at a salary of
\$2,400 per year, who has never spent a minute
in the government service, but who is employed
at the national headquarters of that senator's
political party and stands as the contribution
of that senator to his party campaign fund!It is not pleasant to call attention to such
practices. But it must needs be done. The peo-
ple who vote for candidates must be informed
of how those candidates, once elected to office,
are deliberately robbing the public treasury
and wringing taxes from the citizenship to
maintain an imperial entourage.Of course petty city officials with slight con-
ception of the true principles of government and
even less adhesion to governmental morality,
will guide their own acts by what the higher
ups do. That is the real peril. The public has
come to accept as defense the simple explana-
tion that the other fellow is doing it. This is
dangerous. For a law violation is a law viola-
tion, a government immorality is a government
immorality, regardless of how many may be
guilty.It is strange indeed that of the great num-
ber of new men elected to congress each two
years that never one appears of sufficient moral
stamina to rise in righteous wrath against this
system of nepotism, paternalism and profligacy;
fewer one but gradually succumb to the sys-
tem and accepts his share of the swag with
unctuous composure.Yet there must be a change if this nation is
to endure. Rome practiced such outrages upon
the people, and it fell!

BORAH'S PROPOSAL.

Senator Borah proposes to do something in
the way of actual retrenchment. He asserts
the ability of congress to save the government
millions of dollars annually by merely reduc-
ing the personnel of commissions.Of course! With the congress sitting in judg-
ment and as a regulatory body, what conceiv-
able purpose is served by naming seven men,
each drawing a huge salary, to do what one can
do as well or better? And when the commis-
sion is reduced from seven to one, the sub-

ordinate employees are reduced proportionately.

It would be a fine thing should congress run
positively amuck among the various boards,
departments, commissions and leagues which
cluster up the governmental edifice; firing and
repealing at will for a considerable period;
then set up the policy that never will there be
any of these petty official principalities created.By such a process the cost of government
could easily be reduced not only a few million
dollars per year, but a few hundred million
dollars per year, the saving resulting in in-
creased efficiency as well. If Senator Borah
wants to add to his laurels and fix the eyes of
the nation hopefully upon him, let him care-
fully work out such a scheme of retrenchment,
present it to congress and start fighting for it
in earnest.

WHAT IS AN "OVERT ACT"?

Governor Hyde of Missouri refused to call
into service the militia of the state when re-
quested to do so. He stated that he would not
take any action to protect property or the
rights of citizens during the rail strike until
there was an overt act, spreading the salvo by
expressing his confidence in the disposition
of the strikers to observe the law.Wednesday the strikers at Slater, Mo.,
took charge of the railroad property, drove the
gates and outside the city, and celebrated their
victory by calling attention to the fact that
they had elected the city officials and these
officials were working with them and standing
by them.The governor of Missouri took no notice of
this incident which was a clearly unlawful
and subversive of the basic law as anything
which has transpired in Russia. The men who
were compelled to abandon their work and
flee the city were not shot down in cold blood,
but some of them are reported to have worn
handcuffs. Only in this respect does the Slater
incident differ from the Herrin incident.Inevitably we are left to wonder what an
overt act is.

CAN IT REALLY BE TRUE?

There need be no public concern about the
termination of the rail strike, providing reports
be true. If the national administration has
promised to afford ample protection to every
man who is willing to work on the job aban-
doned, and protection to the property these
men serve, and if the federal government actu-
ally makes good such promises, then the coun-
try at large will never know there is a strike.It may also be said that had the government
always pursued such a policy—and the consti-
tution imperatively required it to do so—this
strike menace would never have grown to its
present proportions. Beyond all question the
government has a direct duty to perform in all
such controversies, whether it be county, state
or federal government. Its duty is to afford
protection to property against all forms of
sabotage and lawlessness, and personal protec-
tion to every man or woman willing to work
at the jobs abandoned by the strikers.That will remain the duty of the government
until the constitution is changed.If there is anything more peculiar than a ram-
pant republican partisan we are quite sure it
is a rampant democratic partisan. Some of the
democratic statesmen now serving in the senate
are having fits over the proposal to vest in the
chief executive authority to change tariff sched-
ules within specified bounds so that they will
conform to changing economic conditions, thus
avoiding the necessity of frequent revisions of
the tariff law. This is too much authority to
vest in the executive, say these gentlemen who
a few months ago were voting a democratic
president unlimited power and unlimited funds
without restriction of any kind.The nation's destiny is not safe if con-
stituted to the legion's hands or the hands of
any other subordinate organization, no matter
how splendid the aims of such organization
may be. This nation's destiny is safe only when
entrusted to the hands of the one great union,
the union of American citizenship, regardless of
race or color, of creeds or subordinate organi-
zations of all kinds. There is no hostility to
any organization in such a statement, it is
merely the enunciation of a basic and uncon-
querable fact.Did you ever see a candidate's picture that
was not smiling? The deceitful thing! They at-
tempt to get over the suggestion that every
last mother's son of them are confident of elec-
tion and therefore glad they are living, while
as a matter of fact, save in Arkansas and one
or two other halfwicks, a candidate is scared
stiff and feels a lot more like crying or cursing
than he does like smiling happily.If it is true that the Irish Free State troops
have De Valera as a prisoner, it is almost pos-
sitive that the Civil war in Ireland is about end-
ed. It would be a fine thing if De Valera and
Vila could be brought together on some island
in the ocean that needs civilizing, each supplied
with plenty of shot and shell, and admonished
to fight it out.The Missouri governor refuses to put officers
on guard until after the horse has been stolen.
This is precisely where government has failed
of its duty in other cases. When it is clear
that a conspiracy is afoot to violate the law,
government should take the necessary steps
to prevent the law being violated.There may be a valid reason why Judge
Bozarth should disqualify himself in the Robert-
son case, but we have never heard it stated—
unless the governor's personal desire in the
matter can be construed as a valid reason.If Mexico really wants intervention just let
it start abducting American women. There
are some things Americans will not tolerate.Some folks don't seem to know whether
nepotism is the name of a vegetable or a
disease.

Oklahoma Outbursts

By WIL LORTON.

Latest reports from headquarters are to the
effect that Judge Owen expects to mop up his
opponents in the bull weevil district.You may also have noticed that a short-haired
dwarf, dressed in overalls, drifted into Jack-
sonville, Florida, and got caught."Hi! Hi!" hurred a Fourth of July celebra-
tor, as everybody rushed up to see what he
had on it.As we understand the nature of the brute,
for industry the bull weevil has the busy bee
losing like a fool who is reeling from the
shock given him by the sight of a harvest field.We assume that Governor Robertson would
prefer to have the seizure of his case changed
from Okmulgee to Clinton, where he put on his
defense in a speech on the Fourth.The girl on South Main says she had intended
to enter the contest for a successor to Lilian
Russell, but she fell down in her preparations
for a press agent and the right kind of a pho-
tographer.The plan of City Manager Harrison of Mus-
koge to have the mayor appoint a police judge
is opposed on the ground that it is a political
move. Any time Muskogee gets word of any-
thing along political lines just whisper it to us.Anybody who thinks an unbroken chain letter
will bring good luck is crazy with the heat. It
has just about as much influence on luck as
that other old gag about a new moon. It prop-
erly discovered, making a wish come true.Little Phoebe Fresh tells the Dallas News
that the last quarrel in their family was when
mammy said she didn't realize how poor papa
was till after she married him, and papa said
he didn't know how rich he was before he mar-
ried her.

Barometer of Public Opinion

Up to Mexico.

Mexico has recognized her debts. The pre-
cise conditions of the terms upon which she
will meet them are not yet published. Interest
is to be resumed after January 2, 1923, only
part payment being made in cash, and the re-
mainder in scrip until 1928, when full service of
the debt will be undertaken. No cash payments
will be made for the accrued unpaid interest,
but a fund will be established to amortize un-
paid coupons, without interest.The most encouraging thing about this settle-
ment is the fact that the Oregon government
has been willing to recognize the Mexican debts
at all. The recognition implies that the gov-
ernment is ready to undertake the task of pay-
ments according to its agreement. This is an
important step in the rehabilitation of Mexico's
credit, and hence of the country as a whole.While the bankers, of course, are anxious to
see Mexico's securities return to a normal level,
they are fully aware that if their confidence is
misplaced they will find that their task will
have been vain and that Mexico, as a field
for investment, will appear even more unattrac-
tive than it did before these negotiations. It is
to be presumed therefore that in their expert
opinion Mexico is not only willing but is able
to live up to its obligations.It is now up to Mexico. Her task is to in-
crease revenue and diminish expenses. To do
this means to establish an efficient administra-
tion and, as far as possible, to eliminate the
waste by graft which has been so common in the
past.The days of promises are coming to an end,
and actual performance will henceforth tell
the story. If Mexico can do this, Mexico
makes good, a new era of prosperity is in store
for her.There remains only the question of confisca-
tion of property to be settled. Our govern-
ment can give formal recognition to the govern-
ment of President Obregon.—New York
Tribune.

Bullfrogs as Is.

For 40 years after Mark Twain wrote his
story of the celebrated jumping frog of Calaveras
county, Cal., no one has had the audacity to
suggest that there could be in any other part of
the country bullfrogs comparable with those in
the famous mother lode country.Recently some foolhardy scribbler from Okla-
homa went to the effect that Oklahoma
bullfrogs were capturing and devouring un-
wary chickens. The story was a palpable at-
tempt to discredit the Calaveras bullfrogs and
hasten their disappearance.A modest and essentially veracious Toulame
county miner, commenting on the Oklahoma
story, brands it as a rank imitation of what
really happened there in Calaveras. He says a
lot of Calaveras bullfrogs were washed down
into a creek in Toulame county and that shortly thereafter young
ducks began to disappear.One duck, larger and wiser than the rest, per-
mitted himself to be swallowed all but his tail
and legs, whereupon he started paddling and
brought the bullfrog ashore. Thereafter he made
a regular business of catching bullfrogs in
this manner. The miner says he sold 150
frogs caught in this way at \$1.50 a dozen. He is
trusting like a hawk to hunt bullfrogs and com-
pounders giving up mining. It's a great coun-
try.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Sees Great Machine Defeat.

Gifford Pinchot has won a memorable vic-
tory against the republican oligarchy, the sur-
vivors and would-be successors of Mr. Pen-
rose's Pennsylvania machine. No after-pairing
of the relations of machine and majority can
change that fact. Even Mr. Alter's nomination
would not affect it. He should have won by a
majority of 150,000 or 200,000. Virtually all
the votes were cast in his side. Pittsburgh
and Philadelphia were counted upon to give
him majorities too mighty for the rest of the
state to overcome. But even in the strong-
holds of the house, the long-repressed disas-
tration with machine rule and government
for politics expressed itself unexpectedly at the
polls. Aside from the general irritation with
the machine, there was a special irritation,
which made itself felt, against Governor
Spruill's administration, of which Mr. Alter
is a part.—New York Times.

No Brains, No Brains!

Blowing up coal tips will prevent mines
from being operated, but also will prevent men
from working in them—even those who did
the blowing up.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.Pancheo Isn't Built That Way.
Picturing Villa as a contented farmer is too
much. He certainly must be complaining about
the army worm or the taxer.—Indianapolis Star.But Not From South, Eh?
A Detroit newspaper discovers that the south
is strong for Ford. That information could
have been easily obtained from Ford headquar-
ters.—Birmingham Age-Herald.Is Sam Gompers in the House?
The chief justice of the United States has
secured a verdict from the English people.—
Philadelphia Record.But Why Make 'Em Weep?
About the only picturesque ruin America has
to show to European tourists is prohibition.Only Rich Can Do It.
It costs a bunch of money nowadays to sus-
tain a reputation as a booze fighter.—Columbia
Record.The Sooner the Better.
Eventually Senator Tom Watson will talk
back to the wrong man, why not now?—In-
dianapolis Star.Politics Is Different From Water.
Oil plays the dickens when it gets mixed up
in international politics.What's Ireland Without a Fight?
It seems that the Irish after giving peace a
trial have condemned it.

A SECOND DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE NEEDED

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FOUR DANCING FEET

By Jane Phelps.

Chapter VI
A Motor Ride With Tom Morris.

"You look real nice, Gertrude," Mrs. Cummings said as she took a last survey of her first-born before the girl went down to meet the man who "had a face she could trust."

"It's the best I've got, and if I don't suit him he'll have to go some-
where else," Gertrude replied with an
air of bravado. But her cheeks were
flushed and her eyes bright with
anticipation as she kissed her
mother goodbye, and promised to
be home in time to go to the show
with Lilly."Most likely I'll be home to
dinner, but if he should ask me to
go to one of the Fifth avenue joints
I wouldn't like to say 'no,' she had
added with a laugh, which held back
at the wish that just that very
thing might happen. Not the Fifth
avenue part, but the dinner.The honk-honk of the motor drew
the mother and Jennie, aged 12, to
the hall window which overlooked
the street."See him, Gertrude! He's awful
swell," Jennie called out excitedly.
"See, he's lookin' up. Oh, gee! he
grinned at me!"Gertrude replied as she waited to see
if he would ring the bell. Her soft
cheeks burned, her eyes sparkled.
Then the bell rang and she ran
quickly down the stairs."Good afternoon! It is good to
see you to be all ready. How sweet you
look!"The two watchers and listeners at
the head of the stairs smiled at each
other as they heard, then hurried
back to the window just in time to
see Tom Morris help Gertrude into a
smart runabout, take his place at
the wheel, and run the car swiftly
down the street, out of sight."He's nice looking," Jennie asked.
"He's a swell," the mother
answered soberly. "He has honest
was the question she asked herself.
She meant to be honest with her
girl. She felt stirred, and infinitely
anxious.""Isn't it grand?" Gertrude breathed
rather than spoke as the car
skipped blithely along the country
road. Neither had said much while
in town. Tom scarcely knew the
traffic regulations well enough to
do anything more than watch his
driving. He had said:"You won't mind if I don't talk
until we get out of this crush, will
you?" and Gertrude had shaken her
head, too delighted with the motion
of the car and her nearness to Tom
to speak.But once beyond the city limits
Tom let the car out for a few
moments just so Gertrude could see
how he could drive—so he explained
to her when he slowed down to talk.
"Now tell me your name, mine is
Tom Morris.""What's that?" she asked, eyes
wide."Those very thin stockings. I
think they're well. I'd hate to see you
wear them, that's all."And she had wanted \$5 to buy a
pair to wear out with him. Oh, how
glad she was that her mother hadn't
let her have it! He had noticed her
thicker ones and had liked her bet-
ter because she wore them.It was a very gay little Gertrude
who told her mother what Tom had said,
and confessed that thin stockings
had been her idea. She had wanted the
money for—gay and so happy.

To be continued.

Pickling Missouri Tomatoes.
Special to the World.
WEBB CITY, Mo., July 7.—To-
mato picking began Monday and will
continue until frost, in the 20-acre
field of the Home Brew Tomato
company at Webb City. A crew of
pickers was put to work and when
the crop begins to ripen faster, the
crew will be increased.Monett, Mo., Bars Pool Halls.
Special to the World.
MONETT, Mo., July 7.—Pool halls
in Monett are all closed. A recent
ordinance passed by the city coun-
cil prohibited the operation within
four blocks of any church, school
or theater, has been upheld. This
makes it impossible to operate in
town.Vegetables grown in this country
during 1921 had an estimated value
of \$1,104,000,000.Lots of things baffle deen 'em,
but they don't baffle 'em folks
that want 'em tell about 'em. Too
many people only pay as they go
till they git so fer.

The Horoscope

"The stars incline but do not compel."
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Saturday, July 9, 1922.

Uranus dominates this day in ben-
efic aspect, according to astrology.
Jupiter and Saturn are adverse.It is a day in which the mind
may naturally crave change and is
most favorable for travel.Summer resorts should benefit
greatly at this time when there is
likely to be much warm weather.
Travel by airplane is likely to be
popular as a summer means of
amusement.An invention that will increase
confidence even among the most
timid is probable.This is a favorable rule under
which to make new acquaintances
of opposite sex. Romance will be
lucky, except where wealthy men
or old women are involved.One of the vagaries of the time
will be the tendency of women long
past youth to seek admiration and
love.During this rule there may be a
tendency toward self-pity and self-
ishness. The mind should be safe-
guarded against these destructive
thoughts.Books and plays of real merit
again are prophesied as a result of
the trend toward literature.The stars are believed to be es-
pecially powerful in their influence
on the human mind at this time and
for the reason wise men and women
will be careful to contrast evil
tendencies.The young will be peculiarly sus-
ceptible to planetary directions that
disturb the emotions.Much agitation concerning the
responsibility of the people to the ris-
ing generation will be brought about
by sensational revelations in regard
to moral standards.Educational methods will be se-
verely criticized at this time, owing
to the trend toward lack of disci-
pline and license in conduct.Persons whose birthdate it is
should be careful to keep their
money safe during the coming year.
Journeys to foreign lands appear to
be foreshadowed.Children born on this day may be
restless and continually desirous of
change, but if their energies can be
wisely directed they will succeed
in life. They should be especially
trained to financial responsibility.Little Benny's
Note BookBy
Lee Pope
©Weather. The same.
Exter! Bomb Almost Discovered!!
3 fellows thawt they saw a bomb on
somebody's front steps last Thurs-
day and they went out to see and
they found it was only a rap up fish aquarian
the man left there on account of
nobody being home when he rang
the bell. The 3 fellows being Benny
Potts, Sid Hunt and Leroy Shoew-
ter.Intriguing Facks About Intriguing
Facks. Among the favorite drinks
of certain people are lemonade, Sid
Hunt, soap, Puda Shinkins, melted
ice cream, Leroy Shoewter, and too
soft lemon mereng pie, Artie Alex-
ander.Pome by Skinny Martin.
More Than His Money's Worth
Help Help cried the drowning fello
As he sank for the 3rd and last time,
I dropped ten cents in the ocean.
But this is too much for a dime!Dogs took out for a walk any
hour of the day or night. We call for
and deliver without fail. Little dogs
15 cents a week, big dogs 20 cents,
dogs that pull much 5 cents extra.
The Ed Wernick and Lew Davis Dog
Walking Co. (Advertisement.)
Lost and Found. Neither.Nurserymen to Meet.
Special to the World.
SCOTTSDALE, Texas, July 7.—
The Southwestern Nurserymen's as-
sociation, embracing five states, will
hold its third successive annual con-
vention in Dallas, Sept. 27 and 28.
It is announced by George T. Ver-
halen, secretary of the body. John
S. Kerr of Sherman is president.
Dallas delivered an account of its
central location in Texas, Arkansas,
Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mex-
ico. Mr. Verhalen said.work in building up community
service and driving men out of the
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